



St Giles' Church, Bubbenhall: Newsletter April 2013

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Services in the Benefice: April 2013

Date	Bubbenhall	Baginton	Ryton
April 7 Second Sunday of Easter	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
April 14 Third Sunday of Easter	6.30 p.m: Evensong	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion 9.30 a.m: Village Worship
April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter	11.00 a.m: Mattins 8.15 p.m: Holy Communion by Candlelight	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Holy Communion	9.30 a.m: Morning Service 6.30 p.m: Holy Communion.
May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter	11.00 a.m: Holy Communion	10.00 a.m: Village Service.	9.30 a.m: Parish Communion 6.30 p.m: Evensong
Every Wednesday			9.20 a.m: Holy Communion.

Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parochial Church Meeting

These two meetings – which are so close together that they feel like one meeting – will take place this year on **April 14** at 5.30 p.m. Both meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend, though there are restrictions on who may vote. The Annual Parish Meeting is for the election of Churchwardens, and anyone on the civil electoral roll who lives in the parish of St Giles may vote. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting receives reports on the life of the church and hears any questions which you may have about St Giles' Church. It also elects members to the PCC, and anyone who is on the church electoral roll may vote.

Please consider carefully if **you** are able to offer to serve on the PCC (Parochial Church Council). New ideas, new enthusiasm and new energy are always needed to ensure the vitality of your Parish Church into the future. Please have a word with the Churchwardens or Rector if you would like to serve your Parish Church in this way.

New Electoral Rolls

Each parish is required to prepare a new electoral roll in 2013 prior to its Annual Parish Meeting in April.

If you want your name to be included, please complete an electoral roll form and return it to the Electoral Roll officer:

for Baginton - Charles Leonard

for Bubbenhall - David Hollway

for Ryton - The Rector

You can obtain the forms from the back of church, or by asking a churchwarden, or email the Rector on david@wintled.fsnet.co.uk to receive the form electronically.

The Churchyard.

Everyone in the village has good reason to be proud of our immaculately kept churchyard. Once again, very many thanks to our committed team of volunteers who keep the churchyard looking so good. More volunteers always welcome: contact Jackie Lloyd or any member of the team if you would like to help.

Easter Flowers

Thank you so much to our flower arrangers for decorating the church for Easter. Your wonderful arrangements always make a tremendous impact after the austerity of Lent, and enhance our Easter worship. Sincere thanks also to those who donate and arrange all the other flowers in church throughout the year.

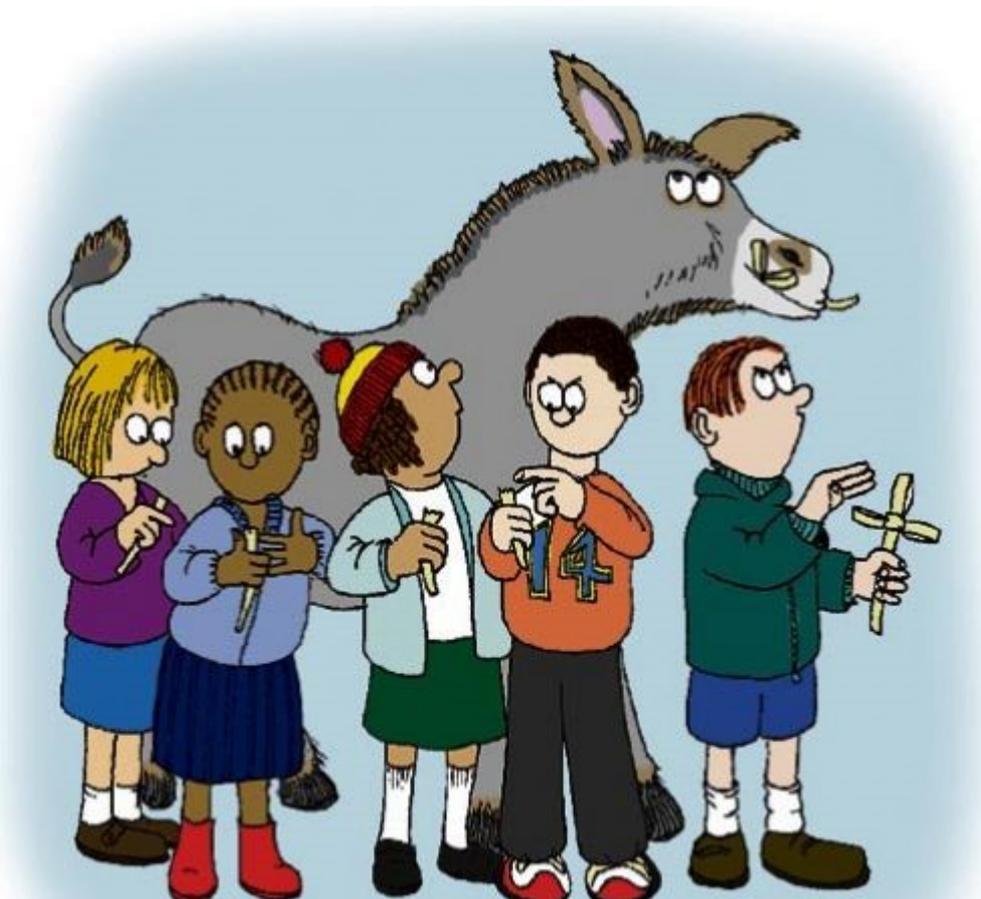
Lent Jars in aid of Helen and Douglas House

Thank you for taking a Lent jar, box or Gift-Aid envelope to help us raise money for the charity Helen and Douglas House children's hospice. Help and support for children with terminal illnesses from all over the UK, and their families.

Please be generous in supporting this deserving cause, and return your jars and donations to church as soon as possible after Easter.

To see something of the work of Helen and Douglas House, please see their website on <http://www.helenanddouglas.org.uk/>

Palm Sunday...



They could have either a procession of palm crosses, or a donkey. But not both.

Thought for the Month: The Butterfly.

A man found the cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared; he sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had got as far as it could and it could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.

The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shrivelled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened!

In fact the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shrivelled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If God allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been. We would never be able to fly.

I asked for strength.....

And God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for Wisdom.....

And God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity.....

And God gave me brain and brawn to work.

I asked for courage.....

And God gave me danger to overcome.

I asked for love.....

And God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for favours.....

And God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted

I received everything I needed.



Dear Lord, thank you for always being with us when we turn to you, so that we never need to be afraid, whatever difficulties and sadnesses may befall us. AMEN

Ryton History Group.

We meet from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall.
Subscription: £15.00 per year or £2.50 per meeting

Details from **Steve Garrett 76639228** or **Ann 76302695**



From the Church Register.

No entries during the month of March

Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers: Rugby Deanery



A band of ringers from the Kineton area came and rang a quarter peal on Thursday 28 February, which was successful. Congratulations!

Sunday service ringing continues - all welcome. Bubbenhall Bellringers' Practice night is Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00. New ringers/visitors always welcome.

For further information on Rugby Deanery/Guild events, bells and/or learning to ring please contact Susan Sheen, tel. 02476 306339

And finally....



Atheist: "Do you honestly believe that Jonah spent three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish?"

Preacher: "I don't know, sir, but when I get to heaven, I'll ask him."

Atheist: "But suppose he isn't in heaven?"

Preacher: "Then you ask him."

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Contributions for the May Newsletter by April 20th please.

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